



May 1, 2013

The Honorable Robert Perciasepe
Acting Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Keep 30 day comment period for Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment (Docket # EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0189)

Dear Administrator Perciasepe:

I strongly urge you to keep to the announced 30-day public comment period for the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment as described in the April 30, 2013 Federal Register. The 30 day comment period ensures that EPA will be able to maintain its schedule and commitment to the people of the region who are most impacted by the proposed Pebble Mine. We believe, and as EPA has acknowledged, there has been extensive public comment and scientific peer review of the earlier draft. Extending the current comment period would adversely impact the people of the region and only serve to benefit proponents of the Pebble project. Keeping to the current schedule is equitable for all parties who are now taking the opportunity to comment on this critical national issue and look forward to a final Watershed Assessment as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ben Carter

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Executive Director